

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-25. (Cancelled)

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1. ~~26~~.¹ (Previously Added) An appliance for personal use comprising:
a driving mechanism including an electric motor; and
a control stage, wherein the control stage is configured, when the electric motor is turned off, to send a unipolar analog signal from an energy supply to the electric motor, causing the motor to emit audible signals, and wherein the unipolar analog signal has a time average that lies below the signal value required for motor activation.

2. ~~27~~.¹ (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ~~26~~¹, wherein the signal value required for motor activation varies in response to the unipolar analog signal frequency.

3. ~~28~~.² (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ~~27~~², wherein the signal value required for motor activation increases with the frequency.

4. ~~29~~.¹ (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ~~26~~¹, wherein the appliance comprises a toothbrush, an oral irrigator, a shaver, or a household machine.

5. ~~30~~.¹ (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ~~26~~¹, wherein the electric motor is an asynchronous, synchronous, stepping, or reluctance motor.

6. ~~31~~.¹ (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ~~26~~¹, wherein the electric motor comprises a rotor and a device for positioning the rotor in a defined position of rest when the motor is off.

32-35. (Cancelled)

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7. ~~36~~. (Previously Added) An appliance for personal use comprising:
a driving mechanism including an electric motor; and
a control stage, wherein the control stage is configured, when the electric motor is turned off, to send an energy signal with a time average lying below the signal value required for motor activation, from an energy supply to the electric motor, causing the motor to emit audible signals.

8. ~~37~~. (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ~~36~~⁷, wherein during operation, the control stage feeds an analog signal to the electric motor.

9. ~~38~~. (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ~~37~~⁸, wherein the analog signal comprises a spectrum of audible signals to be emitted by the electric motor.

10. ~~39~~. (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ~~38~~⁹, wherein the analog signal comprises a voltage signal.

11. ~~40~~. (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ~~39~~⁷, wherein during operation, the control stage feeds a digital signal to the electric motor.

12. ~~41~~. (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ~~40~~⁷, wherein the signal value required for motor activation varies in response to the signal frequency.

13. ~~42~~. (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ~~41~~¹², wherein the signal value required for motor activation increases with the frequency.

14. ~~43~~. (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ~~42~~⁷, wherein the appliance comprises a toothbrush, an oral irrigator, a shaver, or a household machine.

15. ~~44~~. (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ~~43~~⁷, wherein the electric motor is an asynchronous, synchronous, stepping, or reluctance motor.

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^{16.}~~46.~~ (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ⁷~~36~~, wherein the electric motor comprises a rotor and a device for positioning the rotor in a defined position of rest when the motor is off.

^{17.}~~46.~~ (Previously Added) An appliance for personal use comprising:
a driving mechanism including an electric motor; and
a control stage, wherein the control stage is configured, when the electric motor is turned off, to send an energy signal from an energy supply to the electric motor, causing the motor to emit audible signals, and wherein the energy signal does not have any frequencies below the frequency value required for motor activation.

^{18.}~~47.~~ (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ¹⁷~~46~~, wherein during operation, the control stage feeds an analog signal to the electric motor.

^{19.}~~48.~~ (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ¹⁸~~47~~, wherein the analog signal comprises a spectrum of audible signals to be emitted by the electric motor.

^{20.}~~49.~~ (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ¹⁹~~48~~, wherein the analog signal comprises a voltage signal.

^{21.}~~50.~~ (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ¹⁷~~46~~, wherein during operation, the control stage feeds a digital signal to the electric motor.

^{22.}~~51.~~ (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ¹⁷~~46~~, wherein the appliance comprises a toothbrush, an oral irrigator, a shaver, or a household machine.

^{23.}~~52.~~ (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ¹⁷~~46~~, wherein the electric motor is an asynchronous, synchronous, stepping, or reluctance motor.

24. ~~53.~~ (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ~~46~~¹⁷, wherein the electric motor comprises a rotor and a device for positioning the rotor in a defined position of rest when the motor is off.

25. ~~54.~~ (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ~~46~~¹⁷, wherein the energy signal has a time average that lies below the signal value required for motor activation.

26. ~~55.~~ (Previously Added) An appliance for personal use comprising:
a driving mechanism including an electric motor; and
a control stage, wherein the control stage is configured, when the electric motor is turned off, to send an energy signal from an energy supply to the electric motor, causing the motor to emit audible signals, and wherein the control stage generates a time delay between the time when the motor is deactivated as a driving mechanism and the time when the motor is used to emit audible signals.

27. ~~56.~~ (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ~~55~~²⁶, wherein during operation, the control stage feeds an analog signal to the electric motor.

28. ~~57.~~ (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ~~56~~²⁷, wherein the analog signal comprises a spectrum of audible signals to be emitted by the electric motor.

29. ~~58.~~ (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ~~57~~²⁸, wherein the analog signal comprises a voltage signal.

30. ~~59.~~ (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ~~58~~²⁹, wherein during operation, the control stage feeds a digital signal to the electric motor.

31. ~~60.~~ (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ~~59~~³⁰, wherein the appliance comprises a toothbrush, an oral irrigator, a shaver, or a household machine.

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32 *61*. (Previously Added) The appliance of claim *55*, wherein the electric motor is an asynchronous, synchronous, stepping, or reluctance motor.

D' Cmt. *33* *62*. (Previously Added) The appliance of claim *56*, wherein the electric motor comprises a rotor and a device for positioning the rotor in a defined position of rest when the motor is off.

63-70. (Cancelled)

34 *71*. (Previously Added) An appliance for personal use comprising:
a driving mechanism including an electric motor;
a control stage, wherein the control stage is configured, when the electric motor is turned off, to send an energy signal from an energy supply to the electric motor, causing the motor to emit audible signals; and
a motor housing disposed around the motor, wherein the housing and electric motor are structurally connected for acoustic emission.

35 *72*. (Previously Added) The appliance of claim *71*, wherein during operation, the control stage feeds an analog signal to the electric motor.

36 *73*. (Previously Added) The appliance of claim *72*, wherein the analog signal comprises a spectrum of audible signals to be emitted by the electric motor.

37 *74*. (Previously Added) The appliance of claim *73*, wherein the analog signal comprises a voltage signal.

38 *75*. (Previously Added) The appliance of claim *74*, wherein during operation, the control stage feeds a digital signal to the electric motor.

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39. ~~76~~. (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ~~71~~³⁴, wherein the appliance comprises a toothbrush, an oral irrigator, a shaver, or a household machine.

D'Amelio 40. ~~77~~. (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ~~71~~³⁴, wherein the electric motor is an asynchronous, synchronous, stepping, or reluctance motor.

41. ~~78~~. (Previously Added) The appliance of claim ~~71~~³⁴, wherein the electric motor comprises a rotor and a device for positioning the rotor in a defined position of rest when the motor is off.
